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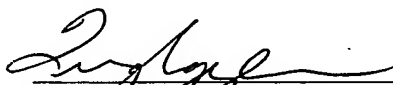
**COMMUNICATION**

Pursuant to a telephone conversation on September 20, 2006 with Examiner Leon Lankford in connection with the above-identified application, Applicants file herewith a three months extension of time and a notice of appeal. The notice of appeal is being filed as a precautionary measure even though it was agreed that the Amendment filed June 21, 2006 in response to the Final Office Action dated March 21, 2006 placed the application in condition for allowance and that there are no pending issues with respect to the claims at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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